

was not (at least in every instance) ensued. The Stockton and Darlington rail way furnishes a remarkable example to the contrary.

Mr. Pease states in his evidence that the turnpike roads in the neighborhood of that rail way have been improved since its construction.

"Has there been any advantage derived to the roads in the neighborhood?—I consider that they are all of them in a much better state of repair, and that their funds are improved; I do not know a single exception."

"Do you know the road from Stockton to Barnard Castle?—Perfectly well; I have been a commissioner. In that trust there are two roads running nearly parallel with the rail road, and a third intersected by it."

"Were the trustees of these roads petitioners against the bill?—All of them."

"On what grounds did they oppose it?—That the money borrowed on mortgage was hazarded by the rail road."

"Have their fears been realized?—No; the funds, in all cases, are improved."

"You state that of your own knowledge—Yes; as an acting commissioner."

The advantages likely to arise to agricultural producers from the facilities of conveying their produce to market, as well as the reciprocal advantages derived by the consumers, were rendered apparent by the evidence of several farmers and graziers, and also of Metropolitan butchers.

Mr. W. Meade Warner, an extensive farmer, residing in Oxfordshire, stated that he considered that if the rail road now proposed to be carried from London to Birmingham had been formed ten or fifteen years ago, it would have produced him an advantage of not less than fifty pounds a year. He considered that the whole system of farming grass land would undergo a change, owing to the new capabilities which would be conferred upon it, by the speed, certainty, and cheapness, of the communication with the market. A different kind of produce, of a much better and more profitable quality, would be obtained from it.

"Are lambs sent to London from your neighborhood?—They are, principally, on the road; but when too young to leave the mother for so many days as the road requires,